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**BY ECF**

Honorable Judge Raymond J. Dearie  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Steffon Best v. Police Officer Andy Cruz, et al.,  
17 CV 4928 (RJD)(RML)

Your Honor:

I am a Senior Counsel in the Office of Zachary W. Carter, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, and the attorney assigned to represent Police Officer Andy Cruz in the above-referenced matter, in which plaintiff alleges, *inter alia*, that he was falsely arrested. The undersigned respectfully requests a one week enlargement of time to respond to plaintiff's pre-motion conference letter, from November 27, 2017 until December 4, 2017. The undersigned will be out of state beginning this afternoon, and will not return until the morning of November 27, 2017, due to the holiday. This is defendant's first request for an extension of time, and plaintiff's counsel, Barea N. Fett, Esq., consents.

Thank you for your consideration herein.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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